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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

 This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed **October 6, 2003**, rejecting claims 1,2,4-21,43-45, and 52 and subjecting claims 46 and 51 to a restriction requirement. The cited references are U.S. Patents Nos. 6,077,987 to Breitbart and 5,785,964 to Naughton. The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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